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Statements of Witnesses - Dr. Adolph HARTUNG GIESECKE, Jr.
Deposition - March 25, 1964, 6H72-6

He is a physician and an anesthesiologist with 2 years of experience as a military aviation officer. While he was lunching, Dr. Jenkins told him the President was shot and asked him to bring some resuscitative equipment to the emergency room. He is allowed to refresh his recollection with a letter he wrote the hospital administrator November 25, 1963, (Giesecke Exhibit No. 1, 20H5-7). In it he reports what he did and saw and, interestingly, details a conversation with the Governor prior to the administration of anesthesia in which the Governor was able to inform him that he had not eaten since early morning, had not had any serious medical illness, and had not been in shock. In detailing the anesthetizing, he refers to a Dr. Deuen Baker, not to the best of my knowledge otherwise referred to, as assisting him.

He says also that Drs. Shaw, Boland and Duke operated for an hour and 45 minutes, presumably on the chest. Dr. Osborne assisted Dr. Gregory on the arm, and Shires, Baxter and McClelland worked on the left thigh simultaneiously.

Boland, Duke and Osborne were not aalled as witnesses.

In his deposition he recalls the massive head injury as on the left side, but said he had been there only a very short time.

Larry, note carefully the following excerpt:

"Mr. Specter. On the cranium itself, did you observe another bullet hole below the portion of the missing skull?

Dr. Giesecke. No, sir; this was found later by Dr. Clark - I didn't see this.

Mr. Specter. What makes you say that that hole was found later by Dr. Clark?

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Dr. Giesecke. Well, this is hearsay - I wasn't there when they found it and I didn't notice it.

Mr. Specter. Well, Dr. Clark didn't observe that hole.

Dr. Giesecke. Oh, he didn't - I'm sorry." (p.74)

Specter is one of the Commission's best witnesses, isn't he?

Also notice this for any possible connection it may have with the presence of the Governor's stretcher, Larry.

When Giesecke went to assist with Connally, he went: "To the second floor where the operating suite is, moved off of the elevator and down to operating room 5, which was being set up for the Governor..." (p.75)

I have in mind the proximity of o operating room 5 to the elevator.

Giesecke also reaalls only of his previous interview with the Secret Service their desire to rid him of any notes, reports, or other documentation he might have.